

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing products, the method comprising:
receiving, at a first automatic product/service dispensing machine at a location in a micronetwork of proximally located diverse automatic product/service dispensing machines, a request for an item by a user; [[and]]
receiving at the first automatic product/service dispensing machine, a payment device of the user,
wherein the payment device includes identity information;
responsive to a determination that the item is unavailable at the first automatic product/service dispensing machine, providing [[a]] the user with redirection information regarding at least one alternative location a location of at least one alternative automatic product/service dispensing machine in the micronetwork at which the item may be obtained;
requesting the user to select a second automatic product/service dispensing machine among the at least one alternative automatic product/service dispensing machine;
responsive to the user selecting the second automatic product/service dispensing machine,
providing the identity information to the second automatic product/service dispensing machine; and
responsive to receiving the payment device of the user at the second automatic product/service dispensing machine, the second automatic product/service dispensing machine dispensing the item and deducting an amount from the price of the item, wherein the user is charged a reduced price for the item at the second automatic product/service dispensing machine.
- 2-11. (Canceled)
12. (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable media for use in a data processing system for providing products, the computer program product comprising:
first instructions for receiving, at a first automatic product/service dispensing machine at a location in a micronetwork of proximally located diverse automatic product/service dispensing machines, a request for an item by a user; [[and]]
second instructions for receiving at the first automatic product/service dispensing machine, a payment device of the user, wherein the payment device includes identity information;

~~second~~ third instructions, responsive to a determination that the item is unavailable at the first automatic product/service dispensing machine, for providing ~~[[a]]~~ the user with redirection information regarding ~~at least one alternative location~~ a location of at least one alternative automatic product/service dispensing machine in the micronetwork at which the item may be obtained;

fourth instructions for requesting the user to select a second automatic product/service dispensing machine among the at least one alternative automatic product/service dispensing machine;

fifth instructions, responsive to the user selecting the second automatic product/service dispensing machine, for providing the identity information to the second automatic product/service dispensing machine; and

sixth instructions, responsive to receiving the payment device of the user at the second automatic product/service dispensing machine, for the second automatic product/service dispensing machine to dispense the item and deduct an amount from the price of the item, wherein the user is charged a reduced price for the item at the second automatic product/service dispensing machine.

13-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) A system for providing products, the system comprising:

means for receiving, at a first automatic product/service dispensing machine at a location in a micronetwork of proximally located diverse automatic product/service dispensing machines, a request for an item by a user; ~~[[and]]~~

means for receiving at the first automatic product/service dispensing machine, a payment device of the user, wherein the payment device includes identity information;

means, responsive to a determination that the item is unavailable at the first automatic product/service dispensing machine, for providing ~~[[a]]~~ the user with redirection information regarding ~~at least one alternative location~~ a location of at least one alternative automatic product/service dispensing machine in the micronetwork at which the item may be obtained;

means for requesting the user to select a second automatic product/service dispensing machine among the at least one alternative automatic product/service dispensing machine;

means responsive to the user selecting the second automatic product/service dispensing machine, for providing the identity information to the second automatic product/service dispensing machine; and

means responsive to receiving the payment device of the user at the second automatic product/service dispensing machine, for the second automatic product/service dispensing machine to dispense the item and deduct an amount from the price of the item, wherein the user is charged a reduced price for the item at the second automatic product/service dispensing machine.

24-33. (Canceled)

34. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the payment device comprises one of a smart card, credit card, charge card and debit card.

35. (New) The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the payment device comprises one of a smart card, credit card, charge card and debit card.

36. (New) The system of claim 23, wherein the payment device comprises one of a smart card, credit card, charge card and debit card.